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Jobless rates up in 112 counties from July 2007 to July 2008

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates rose in 112 Kentucky counties between July 2007 and July 2008, fell in six counties and stayed the same in two counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 5.3 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 5.4 percent; Boone County, 5.6 percent; Bourbon and Oldham counties, 5.7 percent each; Jessamine and Scott counties, 5.9 percent each; Franklin, Kenton and Livingston counties, 6 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 11.5 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 11.2 percent; Wolfe County, 10.8 percent; Grayson County, 10.6 percent; Clay County, 10.5 percent; Elliott, Harlan and Morgan counties, 10.1 percent each; and Bell, McCreary and Muhlenberg counties, 9.9 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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